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1. In 1948 the Ministry of Labor reorganized the Trudovak units. The Director General, Colonel Angel Tsanev and his assistant, Lieutenant Colonel Janko Kaneti, maintain staff headquarters in Sofia. There are eight Trudovak Districts, called Oblasts (comparable to regiments); under each Oblast are Groups (comparable to battalions); in each Group are working sections, called Chetas (comparable to companies); and subordinate to the Chetas are Edros (comparable to platoons).

2. Headquarters of the eight Trudovak Oblasts are located as follows:

a. 1 Trudovak Oblast	- Sofia
b. 2 Trudovak Oblast	- Plovdiv*
c. 3 Trudovak Oblast	- Sliven
d. 4 Trudovak Oblast	- Shumen
e. 5 Trudovak Oblast	- Veliko Turnovo
f. 6 Trudovak Oblast	- Pleven
g. 7 Trudovak Oblast	- Radomir
h. 8 Trudovak Oblast	- Stara Zagora

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3. The several Groups under each Oblast have varying numbers of Chetas and Edros according to the work load assigned to the Oblast area. [REDACTED]

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4. The Second Trudovak Oblast at Stara Zagora* is commanded by Captain Delcho Delchev. One of the Groups under this Oblast was assigned [REDACTED] the commanding officer is Captain Hranov; Captain Kamburov is the political commissar. Within this Group one of the Chetas was assigned [REDACTED] and is commanded by Lieutenant Ribarov with Lieutenant Angelov acting as political commissar. This Cheta, like others in the Group, is composed of three Edros of 180 to 200 men each, which in turn are sub-divided into squads of 15 to 20 men.

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5. The Third Trudovak Oblast at Sliven is commanded by Colonel Neykov; the deputy commander and political commissar is Major Iliyev. Some of the military [REDACTED]

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- a. [REDACTED] was assigned to a Cheta with headquarters in Trestikovo village, commanded by Lieutenant Dimitar Koev; the political commissar is Lieutenant Kiril Petkov. This unit has three Edros or platoons.

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- b. [REDACTED] was assigned to a Cheta in Polski Izvor commanded by Lieutenant Kirov.

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- c. [REDACTED] was assigned to a Cheta with headquarters in Debelt commanded by Captain Nenkov; the political commissar is Lieutenant Bakalov.

6. The Sixth Trudovak Oblast at Pleven is commanded by Colonel Daskalov; the political commissar is Major Svetkov. This Oblast has an unspecified number of Groups within which are a total of 12 Chetas.

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Comment: Informants gave conflicting reports about the location of the Second Trudovak Oblast. Previous SO reports on the Trudovak Organization show considerable variation in the locations of these Oblast headquarters, but most reports place the Second Oblast at Plovdiv.

Your attention is directed to [REDACTED] which provide additional information on the Trudovak Organization.

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